Amendments to the Specification:

In the Title, please amend as follows:

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TRANSMISSION BANDWIDTH AND MEMORY REQUIREMENTS REDUCTION IN A PORTABLE IMAGE CAPTURE DEVICE BY ELIMINATING DUPLICATE IMAGE TRANSMISSIONS

Page 1, line 1, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Page, 3, line 19, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The present invention provides a method and system for reducing storage and transmission bandwidth requirements of a portable image capture device capable of establishing a communications connection on a network. In a first aspect of the present invention, a method is provided for reducing bandwidth requirements is provided by assigning an image identifier to captured images uploaded to a server on a network. Thereafter, in response to a user request to apply an action to one of the uploaded images, only the image identifier of the image and the requested action are transmitted to the server. In a second aspect of the present invention, a method for reducing storage requirements is provided by reducing the size of each of the image files corresponding to the uploaded images on the image capture device.

Page, 5, line 19, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The present invention provides a method and system for reducing storage and bandwidth requirements of a portable image capture device, such as the digital camera. Captured images, which are stored in image files, are transmitted to an online photo-sharing site for permanent storage, and the files of the uploaded images are reduced in size to reduce storage requirements. The uploaded images are thereafter only referred to <u>by</u> an image identifier during subsequent server communication, thereby eliminating redundancy in image transmission.

In the Abstract, please amend as follows:

A system and method for reducing storage and transmission bandwidth requirements of a portable image capture device capable of establishing a communications connection on a network is disclosed. The method aspect of the present invention include includes assigning an image identifier to captured images uploaded to a server on a network, wherein each of the images are stored in an image file having a particular size. The size of each of the image files corresponding to the uploaded images on the image capture device may then be reduced, thereby reducing storage requirements. In response to a user request to apply an action to one of the uploaded images, only the image identifier of the image and the requested action are transmitted to the server, thereby eliminating the need to retransmit the image and reducing transmission bandwidth requirements.